



# BOXBOROUGH

## Middlesex County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Boxborough's rugged, hilly terrain shows the effect of glacier scouring in its geological past. It is a small upland community with a hill top town center retaining well preserved Federal period houses. Much of the community retains its period character, but the placement of the state's highways has spurred the town's residential development. Boxborough has an early agricultural history, which expanded to include orchards and grazing for milk production. The town has little if any commercial or industrial development in its past or present.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Littleton on the north, Acton on the east, Stow on the south, and Harvard on the west. Boxborough is 25 miles northeast of Worcester, 28 miles west of Boston, and 198 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 10.42 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 10.37 sq. miles

**Population:** 3,343

**Density:** 322 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Clinton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....47.0"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Hudson, Maynard, Ayer, Westford

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 263-1116

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen  
Executive Assistant  
Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1783

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

|                   | Number | %    |   |
|-------------------|--------|------|---|
| Total Registered  | 2,220  |      |   |
| Democrats         | 461    | 20.8 | % |
| Republicans       | 388    | 17.5 | % |
| Other parties     | 1      | 0.0  | % |
| Unenrolled Voters | 1,370  | 61.7 | % |

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Boxborough town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

| Subject   | Number | Percent | Subject  | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|--|--------|---------|
| Total population.....                           | 4,868  | 100.0   | <b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>                   |        |         |
| <b>SEX AND AGE</b>                              |        |         | Total population.....                                | 4,868  | 100.0   |
| Male.....                                       | 2,483  | 51.0    | Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....                | 55     | 1.1     |
| Female.....                                     | 2,385  | 49.0    | Mexican.....   | 11     | 0.2     |
| Under 5 years.....                              | 358    | 7.4     | Puerto Rican.....                                    | 5      | 0.1     |
| 5 to 9 years.....                               | 470    | 9.7     | Cuban.....   | 7      | 0.1     |
| 10 to 14 years.....                             | 464    | 9.5     | Other Hispanic or Latino.....                        | 32     | 0.7     |
| 15 to 19 years.....                             | 257    | 5.3     | Not Hispanic or Latino.....                          | 4,813  | 98.9    |
| 20 to 24 years.....                             | 184    | 3.8     | White alone.....                                     | 4,273  | 87.8    |
| 25 to 34 years.....                             | 528    | 10.8    | <b>RELATIONSHIP</b>                                  |        |         |
| 35 to 44 years.....                             | 1,144  | 23.5    | Total population.....                                | 4,868  | 100.0   |
| 45 to 54 years.....                             | 858    | 17.6    | In households.....                                   | 4,868  | 100.0   |
| 55 to 59 years.....                             | 233    | 4.8     | Householder.....                                     | 1,853  | 38.1    |
| 60 to 64 years.....                             | 142    | 2.9     | Spouse.....  | 1,116  | 22.9    |
| 65 to 74 years.....                             | 148    | 3.0     | Child.....   | 1,671  | 34.3    |
| 75 to 84 years.....                             | 66     | 1.4     | Own child under 18 years.....                        | 1,462  | 30.0    |
| 85 years and over.....                          | 16     | 0.3     | Other relatives.....                                 | 78     | 1.6     |
| Median age (years).....                         | 36.7   | (X)     | Under 18 years.....                                  | 17     | 0.3     |
| 18 years and over.....                          | 3,381  | 69.5    | Nonrelatives.....                                    | 150    | 3.1     |
| Male.....                                       | 1,707  | 35.1    | Unmarried partner.....                               | 94     | 1.9     |
| Female.....                                     | 1,674  | 34.4    | In group quarters.....                               | -      | -       |
| 21 years and over.....                          | 3,287  | 67.5    | Institutionalized population.....                    | -      | -       |
| 62 years and over.....                          | 303    | 6.2     | Noninstitutionalized population.....                 | -      | -       |
| 65 years and over.....                          | 230    | 4.7     | <b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>                             |        |         |
| Male.....                                       | 113    | 2.3     | Total households.....                                | 1,853  | 100.0   |
| Female.....                                     | 117    | 2.4     | Family households (families).....                    | 1,271  | 68.6    |
| <b>RACE</b>                                     |        |         | With own children under 18 years.....                | 794    | 42.8    |
| One race.....                                   | 4,772  | 98.0    | Married-couple family.....                           | 1,116  | 60.2    |
| White.....                                      | 4,324  | 88.8    | With own children under 18 years.....                | 703    | 37.9    |
| Black or African American.....                  | 16     | 0.3     | Female householder, no husband present.....          | 110    | 5.9     |
| American Indian and Alaska Native.....          | 1      | -       | With own children under 18 years.....                | 73     | 3.9     |
| Asian.....                                      | 413    | 8.5     | Nonfamily households.....                            | 582    | 31.4    |
| Asian Indian.....                               | 184    | 3.8     | Householder living alone.....                        | 480    | 25.9    |
| Chinese.....                                    | 167    | 3.4     | Householder 65 years and over.....                   | 59     | 3.2     |
| Filipino.....                                   | 7      | 0.1     | Households with individuals under 18 years.....      | 813    | 43.9    |
| Japanese.....                                   | 12     | 0.2     | Households with individuals 65 years and over.....   | 177    | 9.6     |
| Korean.....                                     | 24     | 0.5     | Average household size.....                          | 2.63   | (X)     |
| Vietnamese.....                                 | 3      | 0.1     | Average family size.....                             | 3.25   | (X)     |
| Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....                  | 16     | 0.3     | <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                             |        |         |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander..... | -      | -       | Total housing units.....                             | 1,906  | 100.0   |
| Native Hawaiian.....                            | -      | -       | Occupied housing units.....                          | 1,853  | 97.2    |
| Guamanian or Chamorro.....                      | -      | -       | Vacant housing units.....                            | 53     | 2.8     |
| Samoa.....                                      | -      | -       | For seasonal, recreational, or                       |        |         |
| Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....       | -      | -       | occasional use.....                                  | 6      | 0.3     |
| Some other race.....                            | 18     | 0.4     | Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....                | 0.5    | (X)     |
| Two or more races.....                          | 96     | 2.0     | Rental vacancy rate (percent).....                   | 4.6    | (X)     |
| <i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>    |        |         | <b>HOUSING TENURE</b>                                |        |         |
| <i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>        |        |         | Occupied housing units.....                          | 1,853  | 100.0   |
| White.....                                      | 4,412  | 90.6    | Owner-occupied housing units.....                    | 1,310  | 70.7    |
| Black or African American.....                  | 36     | 0.7     | Renter-occupied housing units.....                   | 543    | 29.3    |
| American Indian and Alaska Native.....          | 9      | 0.2     | Average household size of owner-occupied units.....  | 2.95   | (X)     |
| Asian.....                                      | 471    | 9.7     | Average household size of renter-occupied units..... | 1.84   | (X)     |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander..... | -      | -       |  |        |         |
| Some other race.....                            | 42     | 0.9     |  |        |         |

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Boxborough is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 111 and Interstate Route 495, the outer belt around Boston.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from the adjacent towns of Littleton (travel time: 55-62 min; 40 MBTA parking spaces) and Acton (travel time from South Acton Station: 44-51 min.; 287 parking spaces). Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (978) 663-1073

### Bus

Boxborough is not affiliated with a regional transit authority.

### Other

Minute Man Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility located in Stow, is easily accessible. It has a 1,600'x 50' gravel runway and a 2,743'x 50' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

None

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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